DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to the RCE filed 02/25/2008 and the telephonic interview on 03/28/2008.

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 17, and 18 are pending in this application. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 17, and 18 have been examined and allowed.

2. **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT:**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Michael Bentley (Registration No. 52, 613) on 03/28/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:
In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a plurality of open API servers adapted for communicating with a plurality of user devices and for sending and receiving application programming interface commands; and

a proxy comprising a processor and a memory, said proxy adapted for receiving said application programming interface commands from said open API servers, for sending said application programming interface commands received from said open API servers to an application, for receiving responses from said application, and for sending said received responses to said open API servers;

wherein said proxy processes service contract terms to determine local service contract implementation parameters for each of the open API servers and sends the local service contract implementation parameters to the respective open API servers, wherein the local service contract implementation parameters sent to the open API servers direct the open API servers to implement local service contract terms;

wherein each of said open API servers controls sending application programming interface commands based on the respective local service contract implementation parameters sent to the open API servers.

2. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said service contract terms and said local service contract implementation parameters are related to a service contract.

3. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further including a database for storing control parameters, wherein said proxy accesses and processes said stored control parameters to form said local service contract implementation parameters.

4. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further including a registration and discovery device that receives control parameters, wherein said proxy processes said stored control parameters to form said local service contract implementation parameters.

5. (cancelled)

6. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further including a computer readable media for storing program information that at least partially controls said proxy to produce said local service contract implementation parameters.

7. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each of said open API servers is adapted for requesting modified local service contract implementation parameters based on service usage.

8- 16. (cancelled)

17. (currently amended) A method of operating a telecommunication network, comprising:

obtaining service contract terms by a proxy, wherein said proxy includes a processor and a memory;

storing the obtained service contract terms in said memory;

processing the service contract terms to determine local service contract implementation parameters for each of a plurality of open API servers;

sending said local service contract implementation parameters to said respective open API servers, wherein the respective local service contract implementation parameters sent to the open API servers direct the open API servers to implement local service contract terms;

receiving application programming interface commands from the open API servers, wherein each open API server sends said application programming interface commands based on the respective local service contract implementation parameters sent to the open API servers; ~~and~~

passing said received application programming interface commands received from said open API servers to at least one application;

receiving responses from said application; and

sending said received responses to said open API servers.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, further including the steps of:

identifying, at said one of said open API servers, a condition requiring modification of at least one of said local service contract terms associated with said one of said open API servers; and

sending said at least one request to modify said at least one of said local service contract terms.

19-20. (cancelled)

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